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SUBJECT: NEW ROMANIAN AMNESTY: A PRODUCT OF THE NEW SOCIETY

1. SUMMARY. ROMANIAN PRESS (JUNE 2) ANNOUNCES NEW ROMANIAN AMNESTY WHICH PROVIDES FOR RELEASE OF MINORS AND THOSE 18-21 PRESENTLY DETAINED FOR CRIMES WHICH "DO NOT PRESENT HIGH DEGREE OF SOCIAL DANGER." AMNESTY SUPPLEMENTS MAY 24 POLEXCO DECISION THAT HENCEFORTH ALL BUT "SERIOUS CRIMES" WILL BE PUNISHED, NOT BY JAIL SENTENCES, BUT BY MEANS OF SUPERVISED CORRECTIVE LABOR, USUALLY AT LAW-BREAKER'S PLACE OF WORK. AMNESTY AND POLEXCO DECISION ARE HAILED AS EXAMPLES OF "PROFOUNDLY HUMANIST CHARACTER" OR ROMANIAN SOCIETY. ONE WELL-KNOWN CRIMINAL LAWYER HAS SPECULATED TO EMBOFF THAT REAL OBJECT OF NEW  
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MEASURES ARE THE "SPOILED CHILDREN OF THE NEW CLASS."  
END SUMMARY.

2. JUNE 2 PRESS ANNOUNCES AMNESTY FOR ALL MINORS AND PERSONS BETWEEN 18-21 CURRENTLY DETAINED, EXCEPT FOR THOSE WHOSE CRIME INVOLVED DEATH OF AN INDIVIDUAL. IT IS SUPPLEMENT TO MAY 24 POLEXCO DECISION ON SUBJECT OF

REEDUCATION THROUGH WORK OF MINOR OFFENDERS. ALL RE-LEASED WILL NOW BE FOUND A JOB "EQUIVALENT TO THEIR PROFESSIONAL TRAINING", TAUGHT A TRADE, OR COMPLETE PREVIOUS SCHOOLING. DURING THIS PERIOD OFFENDERS WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THEIR FELLOW WORKERS, TEACHERS AND CLASSMATES, AND PARTICULARLY BY UTC AND UNION OFFICIALS, AS WELL AS PARENTS, ALL OF WHOM HAVE OBLIGATION TO GUIDE AND FURTHER THEIR "CONDUCT AND SOCIAL COMPORTMENT."

2. MAY 24 POLEXCO DECISION ESTABLISHED SIMILAR GUIDELINES FOR SUCH CRIMES COMMITTED BY FUTURE OFFENDERS. MINORS (14-18) WHO BREAK LAW WILL BE JUDGED AND SENTENCED BY COLLECTIVES WHERE THEY WORK OR LEARN. THEY WILL BE SUBJECT TO "OBLIGATORY DISCIPLINE", STRICTLY ENFORCED, AND IN EXCEPTIONALLY SERIOUS CASES CAN BE SENT TO SPECIAL "WORK AND REEDUCATION" SCHOOLS.

4. PERSONS BETWEEN 18-21 WILL ALSO NORMALLY "CARRY OUT" THEIR WORK AT REGULAR PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT UNDER CLOSE SUPERVISION. HOWEVER, SERIOUS OFFENDERS OR REPEATERS CAN BE SENT TO CONSTRUCTION OR FORESTRY SITES, OR EVEN FORM SPECIAL BRIGADES, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THEIR "TRAINING AND NEEDS OF WORK FORCE." THEY ARE FORBIDDEN TO LEAVE SUCH WORK WITHOUT APPROVAL AND MUST REPAY DAMAGES CAUSED.

5. ALL OTHERS, I.E. THOSE OVER 21, MAY BE TOLD TO PERFORM THEIR CORRECTIVE WORK ALMOST ANYWHERE. THEY WILL RECEIVE ONLY PART OF THEIR WAGES, CANNOT LEAVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WITHOUT PERMISSION, AND MUST ALSO REPAY DAMAGES. SERIOUS OR REPEATED OFFENSES MAY RESULT IN CONFINEMENT.

6. NONE OF ABOVE APPLIES TO SUCH CRIMES AS TREASON, ESPIONAGE, ROBBERY CAUSING DEATH OR THEFT RESULTING IN IMPORTANT DAMAGE TO PUBLIC PROPERTY. THESE CONTINUE TO BE PUNISHED AS BEFORE, REGARDLESS OF AGE OF OFFENDER.

7. COMMENT: ROMANIAN MEDIA HAS CHARACTERIZED ABOVE AS "PROFOUND EXAMPLE OF HUMANIST CHARACTER OF OUR SOCIETY", AS WELL AS POSITIVE PROOF OF EVOLUTION TOWARDS CEAUSESCU'S MUCH TOUTED "NEW MAN". IN FACT IT IS A RATHER REMARKABLE DECISION AND ILLUSTRATIVE OF THE DEGREE OF TIGHT INTERNAL CONTROL WHICH EXISTS IN THIS SOCIETY. IT IS ALSO NOT WITHOUT THEORETICAL IMPLICATIONS, ONE OF ROMANIA'S TOP CRIMINAL LAWYERS TOLD EMBOFF LAST WEEK THAT THIS PUTS GOR "FAR AHEAD" OF ITS SOCIALIST NEIGHBORS IN ITS LEGAL AND SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE. (COMMENT: WE WOULD APPRECIATE VIEWS OF MOSCOW AND OTHER EE

EMBASSIES ON THIS STATEMENT.) HE ALSO SPECULATED  
THAT AN ADDITIONAL REASON FOR DECISION WAS TO BETTER  
CONTROL THE "SPOILED CHILDREN OF THE NEW CLASS."  
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